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Subject: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUEST FOR CORRECTION: FOR RFC #8600

Thank you for your request for correction under the Environmental Protection Agency's Information Quality Guidelines dated 03/06/2003. Your request was received in this office on 03/07/2003 and has been forwarded to the appropriate organization within the Agency.

REPORTED REQUEST FOR RFC #: 8600

Request for Correction: SENT WITH PAUL SARBANES, BARBARA BOXER, AND FRANK LAUTENBERG - DATED 03/06/03

PROPOSED RULE ENTITLED, A MODIFICATION OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT DEADLINE FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FOR OIL AND GAS CONSTRUCTIN ACTIVITY THAT DISTURBS ONE TO FIVE ACRES OF LAND, PRINTED IN THE FR ON 12/30/2002.

Compliance with IQGs: THIS LETTER STATES EPA MAY HAVE RELIED ON OUT-OF-DATE INFORMATION AND OVERSTATED THE NUMBER OF SITES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED TO DEVELOP THEIR PROPOSED RULE. THE LETTER ALSO SAYS THAT DOE'S ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION'S (EIA'S) INFORMATION, WHICH EPA USED, MAY BE BASED ON INDUSTRY-GENERATED DATA. "EPA DOES NOT MEET THE INTEGRITY STANDARDS OF THE [DATA QUALITY] GUIDELINES BY FAILING TO ENSURE THAT THE DATA, WHICH IS NOT CONTROLLED OR COLLECTED BY EPA, EIA, OR ANY GOVERNMENT ENTITY, IS PROTECTED."

Recommendation: CORRECTION OF THE INFORMATION IN THE PROPOSED REGULATION

Impact: THE CORRECTION OF THE INFORMATION IN THE PROPOSED REGULATION WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR EPA'S PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE PERMIT DEADLINE FOR THE STORM WATER PHASE II REGULATION FOR THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY. YOUR CORRECTION OF THE AGENCY'S MISTAKES DURING THIS RULEMAKING PROCESS WILL PROTECT WATER QUALITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE RULEMAKING PROCESS.

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